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PRETORIA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A STORY APPEARING IN THE MVOVERNMENT-
PUBLISHED BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS OF NOVEMBER 12.

2. QUOTE: U.S. OFFICIAL ARGUES FOR S.A. TO REMAIN IN THE U.N.
UNITED STATES ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE DONALD EASUM SAID
BEFORE LEAVING BOTSWANA LAST FRIDAY THAT THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD
DO BETTER TO MAINTAIN SOUTH AFRICAN MEMBERSHIP RATHER THAN
OSTRACISE HER, IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE HER TO CHANGE HER RACIAL
POLICIES.

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EM SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN GABORONE, HE SAID THE UNITED

STATES DID NOT DENY THE VALIDITY OF MANY CHARGES MADE BY AFRICAN STATES AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA NEITHER DOES IT DENY THAT SOUTH AFRICA VIOLATES THE U.N. CHARTER. BUT HE ASKED: "IF ONE WANTS SOUTH AFRICA TO ABIDE BY THE U.N. RESOLUTIONS, WILL THIS BE ACHIEVED WHEN YOU EXPEL SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE U.N.? IF YOU BELIEVE SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT ABIDE BY THE SCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA, SHOULD YOU OSTRACISE HER"?

4. MR. EASUM SAID THE UNITED STATES HOPED SOUTH AFRICA WOULD IMPLEMENT THE PROMISES MADE BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE U.N. AND BY ITS PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER WHEN HE SAID THE WORLD SHOULD GIVE HIM SIX MONTHS TO EFFECT "SURPRISING" CHANGES.

5. THE U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE SAID HIS COUNTRY HAD IMPOSED A COMPLETE ARMS EMBARGO ON SOUTH AFRICA. THE U.S. HAD NOT HELPED IN ANY WAY SOUTH AFRICAN ARMS BUILD-UP DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS.

6. ON RHODESIA, MR. EASUM SAID THE U.S. ACCEPTED U.N.S ACT OF SANCTIONS AGAINST THAT COUNTRY. THERE WAS ONLY ONE AREA IN WHICH THE U.S. DID NOT FULLY IMPLEMENT THE SANCTIONS. AMERICAN COMPANIES WERE STILL BEING GIVEN PERMISSION TO IMPORT CHROME FROM RHODESIA, BUT MR. EASUM FELT SUCH A LAW AUTHORIZING THE CHROME-TRADE WITH REBEL RHODESIA SHOULD BE REMOVED. HE SAID THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WAS WORKING TO GET THE LAW REPEALED.

7. ON NAMIBIA, HE SAID THE U.S. DOES NOT ACCEPT SOUTH AFRICAN OCCUPATION OF THAT TERRITORY. SOUTH AFRICAN OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA WAS ILLEGAL, HE SAID. EQUALLY THE U.S. PROVIDED NO PROTECTION TO ITS COMPANIES WORKING IN NAMIBIA.

8. THE U.S. WELCOMED THE INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA-BISSAU AND THE INDEPENDENCE AGREEMENT WORKED OUT BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND THE MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT, FRELIMO. IT WAS ALSO GRATIFIED THAT PORTUGAL HAD DECLARED THE RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE FOR ANGOLA AND HOPED THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE WOULD BE WORKED OUT WITH LIBERATION MOVEMENTS THERE. END QUOTE.
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